

ANS Correspondence

Hudson's Bay Company
[Winnipeg, Montreal]

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Judson Bay Co.

25th June, 1928

Hudson Bay Company,
Montreal, Canada

Gentlemen:

Will you be so good as to inform me whether there are still in circulation any of your agents' tokens or any form of metal substitute, for furs or for supplies? I had recently an occasion to note the statement that certain forms of paper currency issued by your Company are referred to as 'blankets'. I should appreciate it if you could give me any information you may have regarding this.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.



Hudson's Bay Company.

INCORPORATED 2ND MAY 1670.

ST. LAWRENCE - LABRADOR DISTRICT OFFICE

MONTREAL, P. Q.

June 29th 1928

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO NO. *270*

ALL OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE
TO BE ADDRESSED
THE DISTRICT MANAGER
HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY
100 MCGILL STREET
MONTREAL, P. Q.

The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway between 155th and
156th Streets,
New York.

Dear Sirs,

Replying to your enquiry of the 25th of June, there are certain sections of Northern Canada and the North West Territories in which the old "Made Beaver" brass tokens are still in use to some extent, and others where modern substitutes are in circulation.

The use of the "Blanket" paper currency is a thing of the past and very few of these notes now exist except in the hands of collectors.

Yours faithfully,

HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY.

MANAGER ST. LAWRENCE SUB-DISTRICT.

270

July 2nd, 1928

Hudson's Bay Company,
St. Lawrence- Labrador District Office,
Montreal, P.A., Canada.

Gentlemen:

Thank you very much for your letter of June 29th, (#270)
which gave some very helpful information.

You speak of modern substitutes for " Made Beaver"
brass tokens. I do not like to trouble you further in the
matter, but I am wondering if there is someone in the North
West Territories, who has interested himself in these matters,
and to whom you might refer me. Even though, as you write, the
use of " Blanket " paper currency is a thing of the past, it
is just such " past " things that are of considerable importance
to us. I shall very much appreciate your further help in ob-
taining data.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.



Hudson's Bay Company.

INCORPORATED 2ND MAY 1670

ST. LAWRENCE - LABRADOR DISTRICT OFFICE

MONTREAL, P. Q.

ALL OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE
TO BE ADDRESSED
THE DISTRICT MANAGER
HUDSONS BAY COMPANY
100 MCGILL STREET
MONTREAL, P. Q.

July 4th 1928

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO NO. 320

Mr. Sydney P. Noe,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway between 155th and
156 Streets,
New York.

Dear Sir,

Replying to your letter of the 2nd inst., we are
unable to give any further information on this
subject but, if you take the matter up with

Fur Trade Commissioner,
Hudson's Bay Company,
Winnipeg, Man.

he may be able to give you some assistance in obtaining
further data.

Yours faithfully,

DISTRICT MANAGER

9th July, 1928

Fur Trade Commissioner,
Hudson's Bay Company,
Winnipeg, Manitoba

Dear Sir:

In recent correspondence with the District manager of your Montreal office, Mr. Ralph Dawson, I was referred to you for possible additions to the information he gave me.

My inquiry had to do with the use of tokens in any form among the agencies of the Hudson's Bay Company at the present time or within the past 50 years. We are familiar with the 'Made Beaver' token, but I believe the use of these was confined to Eastern Canada. Is this correct? Were there any similar tokens in use in the Western District? Also, I have been informed that the paper notes of the Company were colloquially referred to as 'blankets'. Can you shed any light on this terminology? We shall be grateful for any information you can give us, because such facts are very difficult to ascertain and their importance is often not realized. If you know any collectors or students in the Northwest who have given attention to these matters, I should be glad to have you refer me to them if you think they might be able to add to whatever information you may be able to send me.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary



Hudson's Bay Company.

INCORPORATED 27th MAY 1670.

93 MAIN STREET,

OFFICE OF THE
CANADIAN COMMITTEE

S/M

WINNIPEG

12th July, 1928.

Secretary,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway,
Between 155 & 156th Sts.
New York,
U.S.A.

Dear Sir,

Replying to your letter of the
9th June, we hope to be able to reply to your queries
in the course of a week or so when Mr. Robert Watson,
the Editor of "The Beaver", the Company's official
magazine, returns from his vacation.

Yours faithfully,

For the Hudson's Bay Company,

Edmund Selkirk
Secretary,
Canadian Committee.



Hudson's Bay Company.

INCORPORATED 2ND MAY 1670.

OFFICE OF
THE BEAVER MAGAZINE

WINNIPEG, MAN.

W/M

7th August, 1928

Sydney P. Noe, Esq.,
Secretary,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway, Between 155th and 156th Sts.
New York,
U.S.A.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of 9th July, if you communicate with the "Canadian Magazine" of Toronto they may be able to send you a copy of the issue of their magazine under the year 1927 in which was printed an article entitled "Made-Beaver" by the writer, who is not quite sure of the actual month.

Regarding the paper money, this has been colloquially referred to as "Hudson's Bay Blankets" but we have not been able to trace that it has any connection with the Company's woollen blanket or any basis of valuation thereon.

The "Made-Beaver" token was confined chiefly to Eastern Canada and ~~were~~^{was} only in use for a short period. Paste board coupons of the value of 25¢, 1.00 and 2.50 were for a time used in New Caledonia district.

Yours faithfully,

For the Hudson's Bay Company,

R. W. Wainwright

Editor, "The Beaver"

Watson
13th August, 1928

Mr. R. Dakon,
Editor, 'The Beaver',
Hudson's Bay Company,
Winnipeg, Man., Canada

Dear Sir:

Thank you for yours of August 7th. I am writing to the Canadian Magazine, as you suggest.

Can you tell me how long ago the pasteboard tokens used in the new Caledonia district were current? Have they ever been reproduced, as far as you know?

I appreciate your interest.

Very truly yours,

Secretary



Hudson's Bay Company.

INCORPORATED 2ND MAY 1670.

FUR TRADE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE

WINNIPEG, MAN. October 30, 1928.

ALL OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE
TO BE ADDRESSED
THE FUR TRADE COMMISSIONER
HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY
WINNIPEG

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO NO. 222

Sydney P. Noe, Esq.,
Secretary,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway between 155th & 156th Sts.,
NEW YORK.

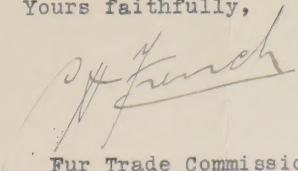
Dear Sir:-

I find your letter addressed to Mr. R. Watson, Editor of "The Beaver", Hudson's Bay Company, Winnipeg, on my desk for attention.

Pasteboard and other tokens used in New Caledonia district were discontinued at most Posts in the year 1894 but at Fort Grahame and McLeod's Lake they were not discontinued until 1926.

We are not clear as to what you mean by "reproduced" : they have never been issued since the dates mentioned above.

Yours faithfully,


Fur Trade Commissioner.

19th November, 1928

Mr. C. H. French,
Fur Trade Commissioner,
Hudson's Bay Company,
Winnipeg, Manitoba

No. 222

Dear Sir:

Responding to yours of October 30th, we are very much interested in the pasteboard or any form of tokens used by the Hudson's Bay Company at any time. Sight is very quickly lost of the exact dates in which such money-substitutes were used, and your letter telling me that in the New Caledonia District the tokens were discontinued in 1894 but that their use persisted at Port Graham and McLeod's Lake until 1926 has much greater importance than you seem to consider. You ask what was intended by 'reproduce'; by this I meant reproduce photographically or otherwise.

Might I also ask whether it would be possible for you to secure for our Numismatic Museum properly cancelled specimens of these tokens in the greatest possible variety? Here they would be properly recorded, and fifty years from now it would still be possible for any one to ascertain such facts about them as you might be in a position to give me. I hope you will excuse my presumption and regard it as evidence of interest in this form of money-substitutes.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary